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1. Chairman Richards, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, was forced to cancel his luncheon engagement with the DCI because of press of Floor debate today.

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1. Cong. James P. Richards of South Carolina, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, will be the guest at the Director's luncheon on 21 March. The DDCI, the Acting DD/I, DD/S, and DD/P have been invited. In 1954 Mr. Richards introduced H. Con. Res. 216, to establish a 10-member Joint Committee on Central Intelligence, but he has not reintroduced any such bill in the present Congress. He has also just introduced H.R. 4941, to revise the Foreign Service Act, and has just concluded lengthy hearings on this subject. The Chairman also made an extended trip last fall, emphasizing the Far East and Southern Asia.

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Talk to 82nd Club - Tuesday, 8 March 1955, 8 A.M.

Chairman: Cong. Hillings of California

1. There is some confusion as to CIA's position in the Government.

Reports to the National Security Council.

Cold War Coordination through Operations Coordinating Board.

Intelligence Coordination through Intelligence Advisory Committee.

We do no work without directives from above.

2. Our most important work is National Intelligence.

National Estimates are the end product.

These are from the entire Intelligence Community.

The IAC works in the following fashion.

Remarkable cooperation and understanding exists.

IAC also coordinates intelligence production.

Atomic Energy Subcommittee.

Also subcommittees on such things as economic intelligence,
foreign documents and domestic collection.

Less possibility of a Pearl Harbor today.

3. Communist infiltration of CIA.

No security system is perfect, but we are constantly improving ours.

We use polygraph as aid to interrogation.

We fully investigate all new people.

We are constantly rechecking all.

When we get adverse information--we take no chances.

4. Front organizations.

Suggest here you point out the danger of front organizations as you have done in several speeches--with stress that in various parts of the world we are combatting and pulling the teeth of these fronts. Wouldn't go too heavily into any operations.

5. Conclude on note that you feel CIA has made real strides.

Still a young organization.

Developing real cadre of professionals.

Have hard job holding good people on government pay.

Making progress with a career service.

Personnel are our greatest asset.

The country can be proud of CIA.

Questions that will probably come:

Mansfield Bill.

What are present Congressional controls?

What will Clark report say?

Anecdote: About Americans in line behind MVD Colonel in Moscow, waiting for dinner at restaurant where they had no reservations. Four MVD officers with reservations came and went on in. The Colonel started to follow. A little civilian in line in front of the MVD Colonel asked where he thought he was going. The Colonel tried to bluster his way through. The civilian said he had been in line first and intended to go in first. The Colonel got back in line. -- It couldn't have happened in Moscow two years ago.